

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 32-34 have been elected without traverse. Claims 1-31 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-34 are presently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to a composition, classified in class 252, subclass 88.2.
- II. Claims 30-34, drawn to method (s) of making microarray, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2,
indicating that the inventions are distinct, each from the other because Inventions II and I are related as product and process of use and, in the instant case, the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product, such as coating compositions already known in the art.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Applicants pointed out that claims 32-34 are not claims to a method, but claims to a microsphere, at which point the Examiner indicated the inventions should be restricted to three Groups as follows:

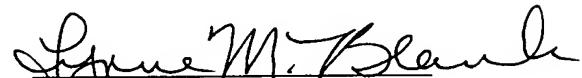
- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to a composition, classified in class 252, subclass 88.2.
- II. Claims 30-34, drawn to method (s) of making microarray, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2,
- III. Claims 32-34, drawn to a microsphere.

Applicants elect the microspheres of Group III, claims 32-24 without traverse.

In addition, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-29 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising various substrates and products made using the claimed process and Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed. As Applicants have elected claims 32-34, no species selection has been indicated by the Examiner.

It is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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